Bank Branches in Gujarat

1757. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open more branches of commercial Banks in the country, particularly in Gujarat during 1997-98 to promote trade and commerce; and

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that for period 1990-95, there was no need for evolving any branch expansion programme with targets like population coverage per bank office as was done in the past, in view of the growth in branch network in the country and decline in the average population per bank office (APPBO) in rural and semi-urban areas to 13,000 by the end of the 1985-90 period.

Under the extant branch licensing policy of RBI, it is left to the judgement of individual banks to assess the need for opening additional bnak branches within their service areas. The banks' proposals for opening branches at rural centres are to be submitted to RBI through the concerned State Governments. As regards semi-urban centres, a specific quota is allotted to each bank depending on the size of the bank, for opening branches. The proposals for opening branches at semi-urban centres are considered by RBI on merits of each case. In respect of urban/metropolitan centres, identified localities are allotted to various banks for opening branches. Such proposals are also considered by RBI on merits of each case. RBI have also given freedom of Indian commercial banks which fulfil certain stipulated criteria for opening branches without prior approval of RBI on case to case basis.

The details of authorisations issued to various banks for opening branches at different centres in Gujarat where banks have yet to open their branches, as reproted by RBI, are given in the Statement attached.

Statement

Number of Authorisations /Licences Issued During the period 1-4-1995 to 30-6-1997 to Commercial Banks for Opening Branches in Gujarat and which are yet to open

Name of Bank	Number of Authorisations/ Licences
1	2
1. Punjab National Bank	5
2. ICICI Bank Corp. Ltd.	1
3. City Union Bank	1
4. Vyasya Bank	2
5. Bank of Punjab	1
6. State Bank of Saurashtra	4
7. Bank of Baroda	5
8. Bank of Rajasthan	2
9. Canara Bank	2
10. Sabarkantha Gramin Bank	1
11. Sangli Bank	1
12. Bank of India	1
13. Union Bank of India	1
14. IDBI Bank	2
15. Corporation Bank	8
16. Global Trust Bank	2
17. State Bank of India	2
18. Kutch Gramin Bank	1
19. Oriental Bank of Commerce	4
20. Ratnaker Bank	1
21. Federal Bank	1
22. Karnataka Bank	1
23. Centurion Bank	1
24. Syndicate Bank	1
25. Central Bank of India	1
26. Dena Bank	1
27. State Bank of Patiala	2
28. Allahabad Bank	1
29. Nedungadi Bank	1
30. Indus Ind Bank	1

Export of Coal

1758. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of coal exported during the last three years, State-wise;